

HOUSE RESOLUTION 208
By Garrett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Jones for her exemplary contributions to education in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those special persons who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones is certainly one such remarkable citizen, a voice of integrity in education whose exceptional service as a third and fourth-grade teacher at Union Hill Elementary School has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones was recently named the 1998 Regional Teacher of the Year and is a State finalist for the 1998 Teacher of the Year Award to be given later this year; and

WHEREAS, with over 25 years of experience, Linda Jones has gained valuable insight into the teaching profession that can only come through hard work, dedication and persistence; she shares this insight by being a mentor for new teachers at Union Hill and previously at Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction, unparalleled devotion and genuine concern, she has earned the respect and esteem of the student body, fueling their thirst for knowledge and inspiring them to strive for the achievement of their full potential; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Linda earned her Master's degree from Tennessee State University in 1987; and

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WHEREAS, during her time at Union Hill Elementary, this versatile educator has served as Principal designee, as school testing coordinator, as a Shared Leadership Team member, as a member of the Technology Committee, and as a mentor for new teachers; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones has served with distinction as a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, as co-chairman of the Sunshine Committee at Union Hill, as PTO Board Historian, as PTA Faculty Representative, as a member of the International Reading Association, as a Career Ladder I Teacher, and as a member of the MNEA; and

WHEREAS, she has been the recipient of various awards, including the Terrific Teacher Award, given by WSMV; and was honored by WTVF as a Golden Apple Recipient; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones' service to her students is not limited to the classroom; she also coordinates the Celebrity Reader program at the school, serves on the Union Hill Homecoming Committee, is a member of the Staff Interviewing and Selection Committee, and serves as coordinator of the Pencil Project; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know her and is tremendously admired by students and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Linda Jones, who, through her dedication to the profession she loves and the people she treasures, has profoundly influenced Tennessee's most precious resource, our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Linda Jones for her excellent work in the education of third and fourth-grade children and salute her devotion to her students and her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Linda Jones continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.